(d) by when such ports are expected to be developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port on the Western Coast and Chennai Port on the Eastern Coast have been identified for development as Hub Ports.

(b) to (d) The proposal for development of Chennai Container Terminal on BOT basis through private participation has been approved. The Non-Negotiable conditions have been finalised and one of the conditions stipulate that the licensee will develop Chennai Port as Humb Port and ensure that within 3 years main-line vessels will call on the port bringing in minimum throughput by way of nontranshipment traffic i.e. containers not transhipped from the neighbouring ports of Colombo, Singapore, Port Klang, Dubai and Salalah to the tune of 20% of total traffic in the third year, 25% of the total traffic in the 4th year and 30% of the total traffic from the 5th year onwards. The licensee has already accepted this condition and it is expected that both Chennai and Jawaharlal Nehru Port will become regional hub centres. The licensee has to fulfill the condition within 3 years nn the case of Chennai Port. JNPT is already attracting Mainline vessels.

Drowing incidents of ships carrying oil near Goa

2376. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the incidents of drowning of ships carrying oil in the sea near Goa are increasing;

(b) whether Government are aware that because of this, environment is affected;

(c) if so, the preventive steps Government are going to take to avoid such incidents; and

(d) whether Government are proposing to take any action against the owners of such ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The Government is not aware of incidents of drowning of ships carrying oil in the sea near Goa being on the increasing side.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.